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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KORST ET AL.

Examiner

ERIC LOONAN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-10 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 May 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is based on application 10/595,751 filed 9 May 2006. **Claims 1-11 and 13** are currently pending and have been considered below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 9, 10, and 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirabayashi et al (US Patent 6,002,834) hereinafter known as Hira.

3. **Claim 9:** Hira teaches a circuit for retrieving data objects stored in a storage device organised in allocation units, the circuit comprising a processing unit (Col 2, Line 27; system microcomputer). Remaining claim limitations are rejected for reasons set forth in MPEP 2112.01(I).

4. **Claim 10:** Hira teaches an apparatus for rendering of audiovisual data, comprising a memory for storing audiovisual data (Col 2, Lines 10-15; optical disk), the circuit according to claim 9 for retrieving audiovisual data from the memory and means for rendering the retrieved audiovisual data (Col 2, Lines 21-25; optical disk reproduction apparatus). Remaining claim limitations are rejected for reasons set forth in MPEP 2112.01(I).

5. **Claim 13:** Hira teaches a programmed computer enabled to execute the method according to claim 1 (Col 2, Line 27, system microcomputer). Remaining claim limitations are rejected for reasons set forth in MPEP 2112.01(I).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. **Claims 1-8 and 11** are allowable over prior art for reasons as stated in applicant's remarks submitted 25 June 2008.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's remarks submitted 21 November 2008 in response to Office Action mailed 22 September 2008 have been fully considered below.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The claim was amended in response to Examiner's rejection. The Examiner agrees that the amendment overcomes Examiner's rejection; therefore, the rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In response to Applicant's argument that Claims 9, 10, and 13 should not be rejected due to prior art priority dates, the Examiner agrees. A new rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been presented for the previously rejected claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIC LOONAN whose telephone number is (571)272-6994. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reginald Bragdon can be reached on (571) 272-4204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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